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I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Ksenia Bachkina for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 3, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kyle Miller who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kyle Miller is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kyle Miller is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

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KYLE RUCKER

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 3, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kyle Rucker, who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kyle Rucker is an 11th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kyle Rucker is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

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LAILONI SELL

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 3, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lailoni Sell who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lailoni Sell is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lailoni Sell is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Lailoni Sell for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 5013) to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for performance management of the defense acquisition system, and for other purposes:

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Chair, I want to thank the members of the House Armed Services Committee as well as Chairman SKELTON and Ranking Member McKEON for their support in bringing this bill to the floor today. I also appreciate their leadership in incorporating language from the Turner Amendment into the en bloc amendment in Committee, which was approved when the bill was reported out last week.

Our effectiveness on the battlefields of tomorrow relies in part on our ability to foster the innovation and technology that have made American armed forces the strongest in the world. As is the case with so many military issues, as we consider this bill we must ensure we consider our most important and precious resource: The service members who serve our country in the military. My amendment seeks to assist service members in their training and education.

The Turner Amendment also seeks to ensure that DoD leverages the acquisition educational centers of excellence already in place. These organizations of excellence—such as those at Defense Acquisition University and the Air Force Institute of Technology, known as “AFIT,” located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base—do an excellent job of educating acquisition professionals.

By enhancing and improving the programs at these existing institutions, my amendment will validate appropriate and effective acquisition curricula, and leverage institutional knowledge, educational professionals, and best practices. Finally, the amendment directs organizations to identify sufficient funding amounts required for training and education.

Training requirements for personnel are important, and we must ensure that our educational institutions provide the updated and improved curricula to meet these requirements. We must also ensure the Department of Defense is planning ahead and providing the necessary resources to train the next generation of acquisition professionals.

I thank my colleagues for their unanimous bipartisan support for the Turner Amendment language incorporated in this reform legislation.